(e) the number of international and metro airports in Bihar, at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Any proposal for new Greenfield airport project will normally be considered through PPP route with the prior 'in principle' approval of Government of India (GOI). So far GOI have not received any proposal.

(e) No airport in Bihar has been designated as international airport. However, limited international operations exist at Patna and Gaya airports.

Financial stake in Delhi airport

1035. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Airports Authority of India (AAI) has financial stake in Delhi airport;

(b) if so, the extent of the financial stake of AAI in Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), Delhi;

(c) the role of AAI in the management of the Delhi airport;

(d) whether it is a fact that AAI has completely withdrawn from all aspects of decision making in Delhi airport; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to encourage and direct the AAI to be proactive and help passengers get more amenities and rights at Delhi airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) have 26% equity in M/s Delhi International Airport Pvt. Ltd. (DIAL).

(c) AAI takes part in all the major decisions in respect of Delhi Airport through its Board Members who are part of M/s DIAL Board.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Air crashes

1036. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in recent past the number of plane crashes has increased considerably;